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Shamrock Club of Wisconsin (Milwaukee) 2012–13 Candidates' Statements

The 2012 Elections for the Milwaukee chapter will take place on Thursday, May 3, from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Here are the candidates for the following offices:

- President: Kathy Donovan
- Vice President: Mary Culver
- Secretary: Mary Jo Kauffman
- Treasurer: John Fisher
- Membership: Denis Donohoe
- Parliamentarian: Brian Sneed
- Parliamentarian: Dan Stottemeister
- Sergeant At Arms: Glenn Nowak
- Trustee: Patty Hogan

President: Kathy Donovan

I have been a member of the Shamrock Club for about 12 years. I served on the Board of Directors for seven years, Sgt. at arms, trustee and vice-president. I have worked on the picnic committee, Folk Fair, Irish Fest and monthly meeting raffle baskets. I was blessed being chosen Irish Rose 2009.

I am looking forward in serving as your president. I believe working with the general membership, we can continue to move the club forward in a progressive and positive way.

Vice President: Mary Culver

I'm excited to have been nominated as vice-president of the Shamrock Club. This year was a great one for me, being named Irish Rose. My boys Sean, David and Clay and I joined in September of 2006 after attending Irish Fest for the first time, and seeing the parade with the SCCGPD leading the way! That was a turning point for us as we had always embraced our Irish heritage

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with pride, the McNamara's on my father's side and the Kelleher's on my mother's. I've had a great time as a member of the club. I enjoyed my first Irish Fest as a member of the Color Guard and also being part of the transporting team. Holiday Folk Fair was a blast working with all the superb volunteers to make the Irish Food Booth a great success! I'm really excited about running for vice-president of the Shamrock Club board. I feel this club has been a great force in the Southeastern Wisconsin Irish community, and will continue to take positive strides in promoting all that is Irish. I look forward to the next year in representing our Club.

Secretary: Mary Jo Kauffman

Mary Jo Kaufmann has been involved with the Irish Community for more than 12 years, beginning with an invitation to sing in the Irish Fest Peace & Justice Choir. She sang for two years, then was asked by Director Bob Harrold, to play fiddle, which she has been doing ever since. This also led to singing for the AOH fundraiser masses held in October, and the Shamrock Club Choir for the St. Patrick's Day masses for the last 10 years. She was finally persuaded, via Mary Culver and Brian Witt, to join the Shamrock Club three years ago. Since then, she and her friend, Alonzo, have been volunteering for the Irish Fest set up, first with the Grounds Crew and then settling into the Cultural Area. They have also helped with the Shamrock Club at Holiday Folk Fair and the Post-Parade Party. She is the musical liturgist for the Easter Rising Mass.

Treasurer: John Fisher

I have been treasurer for the number of years. My wife Mary and I have also been judging the St. Pat's parade for many years as well as working at many other events of the club. I am a retired Customer Services manager of the US Postal Service. I am involved in the Ulster Project, Friends of St. Patrick Center and the Bay View Historical Society. I am currently the president of the St. Joseph's Benevolent Society, as I have been for over 20 years following Josh Walton. I have five children, including my youngest son, Tom, who is pursuing a PHD in Celtic Studies at the University of Ireland-Galway.

Membership Chair: Denis Donohoe

I am honored to be re-nominated for the Membership Chair and continue following in the footsteps of a great friend, Tom Smith. My wife, Karen (married 35 years, to each other) and I have been members of the Shamrock Club many years, helped to recruit members like Pete and Dawn Fleming plus others, and volunteered behind the scenes on many activities and events. I have lived in Milwaukee practically my whole life, and have volunteered in leadership positions for many organizations in the last 25 years such as the Boy Scouts of America, church organizations, professional societies, and Irish Fest. I look forward to continuing to provide my services, talents and experience to enhancing and increasing the Shamrock Club membership.

Parliamentarian: Brian Sneed

I was elected Parliamentarian of the Shamrock Club in 2011. My family and I have been members of the Shamrock Club for five years. I have also worked at Holiday Folk Fair and the Shamrock Club Information booth at Irish Fest for the past three years. I also joined other operational committees for the Club.

Parliamentarian: Dan Stottemeier

Dan Stotmeister was born and raised in Wisconsin and has lived in Milwaukee since 1977. He graduated from St. Norbert College, and from Loyola University of Chicago graduate school in 1973. Dan is retired from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development where he served primarily as a civil rights specialist, investigator and program manager.

Dan's sense of 'Irishness' began with the fact that he was named by his mother, after "Danny Boy". Dan is an Irish dance dad for the past 29 years, and counting. His two daughters grew to become champion Irish dancers, having competed at the World Championships, between them, a total of nine times. They have both toured as professional Irish dancers, performed on stage with the *Chieftains*, among others, and one daughter is currently an Irish dance professional in Los Angeles.

A musician since the age of four, Dan performed for 10 straight years as a member of the traditional Irish band *Ceol Cairde*.

Dan currently serves as a volunteer at Irish Fest, has been a contributor to the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center since its inception, and has volunteered for the Shamrock Club's St. Patrick's Day parade in 2011 and 2012 and ICHC's Irish dance feis in 2012. He joined the Shamrock Club in January 2011. Dan also helped plan and run other Irish dancing feiseanna in Milwaukee for many years.

In terms of other organizational experience, Dan is a former board member of two neighborhood associations in Milwaukee, and a former board member of the Cashel-Dennehy School of Irish Dance. He also is a member of a statewide professional organization for the past 30 years, having helped to plan and coordinate annual statewide conferences and events during all of these years.

Sergeant at Arms: Glenn Nowak

As a member of the Shamrock Club, I have served for the past year as Sergeant at Arms. Making sure that meeting meals are provided, updating the inventory of the club's real property. I have also done the pre-parade breakfast planning as well as the Post Parade Party for 2012.

I have helped at Holiday Folk Fair, Irish Fest, Post Parade Party, Sales Booth and as an usher for Hallamor concerts. I am a member of the Color Guard, along with my son Jacob, and the

membership sub-committee. When not involved with Irish activities I am a Coach for Special Olympics in Wauwatosa, a member of the Parish council and an usher at St. Therese Catholic Church. I look forward to serving as sergeant-at-arms for the club for the next term.

Trustee: Patty Hogan

Patti has been a member of the Shamrock Club since her childhood. She has served in the Color Guard, and marched in Savannah and other exotic locations. Patti has assisted with fund raisers at the Bradley Center, Holiday Folk Fair, the St. Patrick's Day Parade Post Party, bartended at the ICHC, and has been a volunteer at Irish Fest for over 30 years. In addition, she has helped to run our annual scholarship raffle for many years, along with other members of the Quinlan family. She was also the 2007 Irish Rose, being named the same year that her brother Kevin was named Irishman of the Year.

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Milwaukee President's Message

Greetings! Spring is in the air which means that soon soccer and sliothar balls will be in flight, in other words the Shamrock Club sponsored Milwaukee Celtic soccer and Griffin hurling teams will be taking to the fields shortly. Please check out the teams' schedules on-line or elsewhere in *Emerald Reflections*.

The Easter Rising Mass was again a beautiful, solemn celebration, well attended with a crowd estimated at over 230. Thanks to Fr. Terry Brennan S.J. who celebrated the Mass, to Brian Witt, Mass coordinator, Mary Jo Kaufmann music liturgist, Joe Hughes, Derek Byrne , Betty Mikush and all the others who helped. After the Mass the Veronica Ceszynski again provided church goes with a splendid continental breakfast. The hall was tastefully decorated by Dawn and Pete Fleming (hobbled after foot surgery) and a guest appearance by the Easter bunny herself. It's great to see so many members and their families on Easter.

The May general meeting is also when elections are held for the Club's officers and board members. Please read each of the candidates bios (found elsewhere in *Reflections*) and cast an informed ballot.

Also at the May meeting the Scholarship raffle drawing will be conducted. Please turn in your tickets before 7:30 p.m. that night. This year's prizes include a hand made quilt fashioned by Mary Culver, a \$250 gift certificate from Allan-Edmonds shoes courtesy

of Joe Hughes, a sailing outing on Lake Michigan with the Prendergasts' and many more prizes. Thanks to Sandy and Kevin Quinlan who each year head this worthwhile endeavor.

Mark your calendar now. The July 12 meeting will be the Instillation Dinner. John and Maryann Fisher are chairs for this event so watch *Reflections* for details.

The ICHC and the Milwaukee Brewers have again teamed up for the Half Way to St. Patrick's Day Irish Night on September 14. The Shamrock Club is again reserving a block of 50 tickets for the evening. For \$21 you get a game ticket and a commemorative baseball cap. Reserve your spot with a paid reservation.

May is Mothers' month which means that, oh dear gentleman, it is up to us to provide the dinner for the ladies at the meeting.

Happy Mother's Day.

See you at the next meeting,

– **Josh Walton, President**
joshwalton1@yahoo.com

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Glenn's Corner Cupboard

The Shamrock Club dinners before meetings continue. Here are the next few month's menu ideas:

May – Men cook in honor of Mothers day.

June – Pot Luck, A-I bring a dessert, J-R bring a main dish, S-Z bring a salad.

July – Picnic Theme.

– **Glenn Nowak**

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Milwaukee Irish Arts Upcoming Production

Sebastian Barry is a noted contemporary Irish playwright and novelist. He recently entertained a capacity audience at Boswell Bookstore on Downer Avenue with reading of his latest novel, *On*

Canaan's Side. His plays have received acclaimed productions at Dublin's Abbey Theatre and in London's West End. *White Woman Street* is unique in that it is set in Ohio in 1916, a vastly different world from that of Ireland at the time. Against a poetic narrative of Irish and American history, Barry weaves a searing tale that evokes a time of change and personal displacement. Stories are told, songs are sung, wild boars are shot and eaten, and a train filled with gold is approaching fast!

According to the *New York Times*, the play has similarities to Mr. Barry's previous poetic dramas, such as *The Steward of Christendom* and *Our Lady of Sligo*, and is "essential viewing" for Irish Americans.

Our director is Jim Gallagher, who directed our award-winning production of *An Irish Play*, and the cast includes some Milwaukee Irish Arts favorites, Kevin Callahan, Robert Kennedy, Jim Jacques, and David Ferrie.

The show runs May 2–6 at the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center 2133 W. Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee. Show times on Wednesday through Saturday are at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Milwaukee Irish Arts will take this production to Dublin as Milwaukee's contribution to the Acting Irish International Theatre Festival 2012. Admission is on a pay-as-you-can basis, with proceeds going to fund the cost of taking the production to Dublin.

For further information, call John Gleeson at (414) 229-2608.

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Graham and Hart in ICHC Parlour on Thursday, May 3

Traditional Irish singer Len Graham and singer-musician and *sean-nós* or "old-style" dancer Brian Hart, will perform in the warm and intimate Parlour of the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center, 2133 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 3.

Graham, who was born in County Antrim, Northern Ireland, won the Senior All-Ireland Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann traditional singing competition in 1971. A generation later in 2002, Hart's name was added to the long list of noted singers who have also been awarded this prestigious prize, a list that includes Joe Heaney and Frank Harte. Hart was the first American to win this award as well as the youngest winner in the competition's history at age 24.

Graham brings memories of a lifetime of collecting and singing Irish songs ranging from ballads to music hall pieces and tales of politics,

love and emigration to his concerts. He has many solo and collaborative recordings to his credit and has won numerous awards including the Keeper of the Tradition from the Tommy Makem Festival of Traditional Music in 2008.

Hart is currently a member of the Chicago-based traditional band *Bua* and his evocative singing, often in Irish Gaelic, and dancing are central to that group's sound. (*Bua* performed in the ICHC Parlour on Feb. 4.) Hart earned degrees in Celtic Studies and Irish Traditional Music Performance from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the University of Limerick, respectively.

General admission tickets are \$12 and are available at the door. For more information, go to [www.ichc.net] or call (414) 345-8800.

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Five Clues

Congratulations to Tom McAleese for his correct answer of Edmund Burke for April's Clues. This month's Five Clues are:

1. I was born in Athlone, was taught by the Marist Brothers, and won the 1903 Feis Cheoil in singing.
2. I married my childhood sweetheart, moved to Italy, and sang opera as Giovanni Foli.
3. I was an early recording artist, in 1904, and was the first person to record "It's a Long Way to Tipperary."
4. In 1928, I was named a Papal Count by Pope Pius XI.
5. I sang my last official concert in 1938, but continued until months before my death in 1945.

If you know the answer to this month's Five Clues, send it to us at [info@shamrockclubwis.com]. Good luck!

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Irish Word Of the Month

***Ceapaire* - (Cap Rai) - Sandwich**

Irish phrase: *An mbeidh ceapaire agat?* (An may cap rai ag-at)
English translation: Would you like a sandwich?

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New Parade Sponsors

I would like to welcome our new Parade Sponsors from this year; O'Lydia's on First Street; Mulligans Irish Pub & Grill, Franklin; Lynch's on highway 100; House of Guinness, Waukesha; Flannery's Bar and Restaurant, Jefferson and Wells; Halliday's Irish Pub, Farwell Avenue; McKiernan's Iris Pub, 37th Street; Mystic Ireland, Elm Grove; O'Conner's Perfect Pint, 84 and Greenfield; and Hupy and Abraham, S.C. They stepped forward to support us, along with our returning sponsors; McBob's Pub & Grill, 49 and North; Harp & Shamrock, 20th and Wells; Brocach Irish Pub Milwaukee, the Trinity 3 Irish Pubs and the Harp on Juneau; and O'Donoghue's.

Let's give them big thanks for their support and please be sure to stop in a few times this year to say thanks, and mention that you appreciate their support of our Club.

– **Denis Donohoe, Parade Operations Director**

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Milwaukee Irish Arts

Milwaukee Irish Arts continues its mission to engage the past, enliven the present, and enrich the future by presenting Irish theatre in Milwaukee. This coming May we will present Sebastian Barry's *White Woman Street* at the ICHC. We will then take this production to the 2012 AIITF in Dublin. This year, the festival is "going home" for the first time in its 20 year history. The venue is the Axis Art Center in Dublin and the Lord Mayor of Dublin, the City Arts Office, and the American Embassy are supporting this special event.

Needless to say, we are proud and delighted to be part of the festival this historic year. We do need your support. Find out how you can help us by clicking on our website [<http://miawws.wordpress.com/>].

There you will find information on the festival, the cast, and the Milwaukee performance schedule prior to our Dublin engagement. Should you wish to donate, and we hope you will, you can click on the "DONATE HERE" tab at the top of the website.

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40th Annual Shamrock Club Scholarship Raffle

- Hand Pieced Queen Sized Quilt
- Allen Edmonds Certificate
- \$250 In Cash
- County Clare Inn Certificate

Tickets are \$3 each – two for \$5 – 10 for \$20

For tickets, call (414) 571-0722 or (414) 690-0722

Drawing May 3, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

ICHC, 2133 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233

The proceeds from this raffle will be used to replenish the Shamrock Club Scholarship Fund. Your support will help some deserving person or persons achieve their goals. This fund has paid out over \$25,000 in scholarships since 1974 to students across Wisconsin and Illinois. All college age students are eligible, no matter where they live, so please help us in this raffle.

If you need more tickets, please contact Sandy Quinlan at (414) 571-0722, or mail her at 1773 Juniper Circle, South Milwaukee, WI 53172-1022.

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Ceili Dances

Join us at the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center, 2133 W. Wisconsin Ave., for family Irish dancing at its best! Beginners and all ages welcome. Instruction begins at 7:30 p.m. and continues all evening. Music and dancing begin at 8 p.m.

The dances are called, and direction is given, by two of the Midwest's best ceili instructors, Gail McElroy on Fridays and Julie Clark on Saturdays.

May – June 2012

- Fri., May 4 – *Wise Maids*
- Sat., May 19 – *RíRá*

• Fri., June 1 – *áthas*

Entrance is \$8 Adults, and \$5 for Students, Seniors, and Children. All proceeds benefit the work of the ICHC.

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Milwaukee Highland Games June 2

The Milwaukee Highland Games will take place at Hart Park, 7300 Chestnut St., (70th and State Streets), on Saturday, June 2, 2012, 9 a.m. – 10 p.m., rain or shine.

The gates open at 9 a.m. Tickets are Adults: \$10; Children 12 and under: Free; Active Military in Uniform: Free.

Events will feature piping competitions, both band and solo; Highland Dance competitions; haggis taco eating competitions; athletic, sheepdog, heavy game competitions; and demonstrations featuring archery, kilt and battle axe. The Massed Bands will perform at 5 p.m. Kilt Demo and History of Ancient Weapons in the Cultural Tent.

The Céilidh begins at 6 p.m. Throughout the day the Céilidh Tent will feature music by *Dublin O'Shea*, *Steel Bonnets*, and *The Finn MacCools*.

For more information, contact Scottish Festivals, Inc., W167 S6827 Oakhill Dr., Muskego, WI 53150, (414) 422-9235, (Tom Cobb, President). For Public Relations contact Dave Berger, dberger1408@yahoo.com, (414) 774-0897.

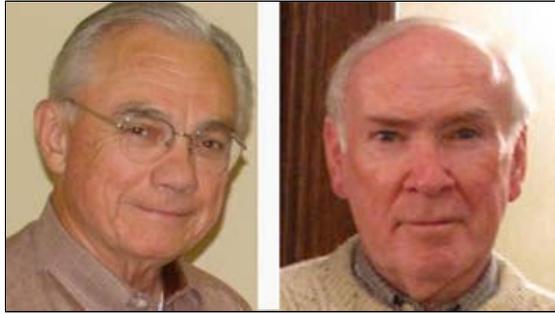
All events will be held rain or shine. The schedule is subject to change. There will be NO REFUNDS on ticket sales. No pets are allowed at the Games. No coolers or food may be brought into the park.

For more information, go to our website at [<http://www.milwaukeescottishfest.com>].

**–Tom Cobb, Shamrock Club member,
President, Milwaukee Scottish Festival**

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Celtic Women First Fridays



Bob McWilliam and Ian Day

DATE: May 4, 2012

TOPIC: “Tartan Day” and “Songs Of Harry Lauder”

SPEAKERS: Bob McWilliam and Ian Day

A special Scottish treat is in store for our lecture on May 4; Bob McWilliam will relate the story of how the Tartan Day came to be established and celebrated in the United States. The first Tartan Day in the United States was observed at the national level on April 6, 1997. Previously, there had been observances by individual states, counties and other regional entities, but the year 1997 was the first time the observance swept across the nation. Bob McWilliam was a part of the movement that resulted in the national observance of this special Scottish day.

Sir Harry Lauder lived from 1870 until 1950; he was the most popular Scottish entertainer of all time. The height of his popularity was exactly 100 years ago from now. Ian Day will bring his songs to life with his guitar and his wonderful Scottish voice. Try not to miss this double feature of Scottish pleasure.

Lectures are held from 5:30–7 p.m. at Greene Hall, 3347 N. Downer Ave. on the UWM campus. Plenty of meter street parking at the door with wheel chair access. The public is always invited. We offer tea and home-made snacks. \$7 admission.

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Color Guard News and Notes

We have already had a busy spring of playing and appearances. And now our parade season is starting. It will be a busy summer for us.

Our schedule for the coming months is set. Many hours of practice have already been put in, both with the pipers and drummers, but also with the Color Guard part of our unit. It is what makes us a

special group. We aren't a pipe band with flags. We are a complete Color Guard unit, dating back to 1967, in its original form. That is a lot of history and memories. And Irish pride, Shamrock Club pride.

Thank you to all who have given words of support. They really boost our spirits.

On the Parade Schedule, there are 12 to 14 parades/performance as well as Irish Fest Weekend. I am not including such things as Brendon Heart Fund, the AOH Mass, Wisconsin Spring Feis, Milwaukee Highland Games, and St. Mary's Walk for Dementia, Walk for Breast Cancer, Folk Fair, monthly General Meetings and whatever else comes up.

But, we will be at the Highland Games at Hart Park, which will be a nice touch, the Irish leading the Scots.

Here is our schedule to date. Those dates with an "L" are set, those with a "?" are still being finalized.

- 5/28/12 L
Memorial Day Parades – Elm Grove and Milwaukee
- 6/3/12 L (noon)
Newburg Fire Dept. Picnic Parade
- 6/9/12 L (noon)
University of Phoenix Graduation
- 6/24/12 L (12:30 p.m.)
Wisconsin Rapids Parade
- 6/30/12 L (10 a.m.)
Thiensville Fun Before the 4th Parade
- 7/4/12 ?
4th of July Parade – Wauwatosa
- 7/4/12 L (1 p.m.)
4th of July Parade – New Berlin
- 7/14/12 ? (10 a.m.)
South Shore Water Frolics
- 7/21/12 L (10 a.m.)
South Milwaukee Heritage Days Parade
- 7/29/12 L (noon)
Random Lake Fire Dept. Parade
- 8/16/12 thru 8/19/12 L
Irish Fest (times to be announced)
- 8/26/12 ? (11 a.m.)
Muskego Fest

That is it for this month. When you see us in public, tell us hello.

– Rand Harteau, Color Guard director

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Milwaukee Membership News

Well, it looks like spring has finally made it as we passed through some interesting weather so far. Let's hope for a great summer and lots of good fun for all.

For April, please welcome our new members; Joseph and Heather Carroll.

For April, we had 34 membership renewals and seven membership drops from no-renewals in the Milwaukee chapter. As of April 12, the Milwaukee Chapter has 339 memberships with 150 families, 157 single, and 32 complimentary (libraries, businesses, etc.) memberships. Statewide our membership totals 444 memberships where the others receive a copy of our *Emerald Reflections* newsletter.

Please be sure to have your memberships renewals in before our May 3 meeting for voting for our next year's Board of Directors for those who's expire on or before 4/30/2012. Also, check out the new club apparel we have for sale.

See you at the next meeting.

– Denis Donohoe, Membership Chair

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Members' Doings

Bridget and Bill Jaskulski recently headed to Florida for a week. They brought Colleen and Nathan with them.

Terry and Kathy Stephens recently welcomed granddaughter Alice, the first child for daughter Katie and husband Jason Spangler.

Colleen Jaskulski recently appeared in the Whitnall High School production of "Putnam County Spelling Bee."

If you have done anything you want us to know about, send it to [Membersdoings @shamrockclubwis.com].

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Sunshine Club

Jack Suit had surgery and is mending. Kim and Glen Nowak celebrated their 25th Anniversary on April 11. Peter Fleming had foot surgery. Bob Voss had knee surgery. Maricolette Walsh recently had surgery. Rand and Char Harteau announced the birth of their fifth grandchild, a granddaughter named Sylvie. Peter and Annie Blaha Lakatos have the first granddaughter for the Maggie (Tom) Blaha family. Eleanor Louise Lakatos was born March 28, 2012.

Please keep Maddie McLaughlin and Rose Murphy in your prayers.

Thanks to everyone who is keeping me up to date.

If you have any news for the Sunshine Club, please call me at (414) 344-0688 or send e-mail to: [slainte4142 - shamrock@yahoo.com].

– Maggie Blaha

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